

# Canaan Conservation Commission

## Minutes

February 3, 2020

Attendees: Dave McAlister, Bill Chabot, Elizabeth Chabot, Noel Everts, Alice Schori

Absent: Len Reitsma (but he sent some notes)

### Minutes

January minutes were reviewed. A few corrections were suggested: Dave M was absent, clarification needed for the Bird in Hand monitoring. Dave moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Alice seconded. Motion passed.

### Summer presentation

The Conservation Commission plans to host another talk this August. We're tentatively thinking the first Thursday in August. Bill to reach out to Mike Samson to book the date

The first person we had considered as a speaker cannot commit at this time; Len is pursuing other options.

### The Kate Brooks Tree

Targeting April 18<sup>th</sup> providing the weather is good. 1pm. More details to follow.

### Earth Day Cleanup

April 18<sup>th</sup>, meet at the beach at 8:30 for bag distribution.

### Town Website review

The CCC section of the website hasn't been updated in years. The portion focused on Len's work with the school kids at the Town Forest either needs updating, or dates removed.

Possibly a section on invasives

### Roadside Invasives

- At the last meeting we talked briefly about what information might be available on DES's website to help our roadcrews deal with invasives appropriately. Bill said there is a fair amount of information on the website. One thing the CCC might be able to do to help is identify specific sites of invasives and work on an education/eradication plan with the road crew. More conversation to be had on this topic.

### Misc

- The Canaan recreation department is undergoing some changes, so we shouldn't expect any near-term engagement
- Dues for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions are due- \$275 per year
  - Bill moved we support the NHACC, Len seconded, motion passed. Bill will arrange payment.
- CCC/UVLT hike is scheduled for February 8. The plan is to start at the town forest

## Commission Members

Bill Chabot: Chair,  
3 year term ending  
April 30, 2021

Len Reitsma:  
3 year term ending  
August 31, 2022

Elizabeth Chabot:  
Secretary,  
3 year term ending  
April 30, 2022

Two open seats

### **Alternates:**

Alice Schori

Noel Everts

### **Selectboard Representative:**

Dave McAlister

and bushwhack to the BPNA. After a return journey, snacks will be served at the hut. Time TBD

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the annual BPNA snowshoe
- It has been noted that our roadcrew has some practices that are not helping curtail the spread of some invasives, particularly knotweed. Bill will investigate what DES might have posted and will report back. Possibly the CCC can work with the road crew.

Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth, seconded by Dave

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2020

*Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Chabot*